

Rice's Gas Station Complex - Privy
Kimmerly Lots
Avon vicinity
Powell County
Montana

HABS No. MT-78-C

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY HABS No. MT-78-C

RICE'S GAS STATION COMPLEX - PRIVY

Location: NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Section 27, Township 10 North,
Range 8 West, Avon, Montana

Present Owner: Heirs of Sandy and Olive Mae Reirson

Present Occupant
and Use: Abandoned

Statement of
Significance:

The gas station and motel are examples of 1930s filling station and automobile-related commercial lodging facilities made popular with new highway construction and increased automobile use at the time. The buildings vernacular architecture is punctuated with a few elements of the Spanish architectural style, including stucco finish, a wood door with two arched windows in the motel, and a parapet wall on the gas station. The buildings are examples of increasingly less common structures related to early automobile travel in Montana.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

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PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A shed-roofed, wood-sided privy stands at the east end of the property. The roof is covered with wood shingles. A vertical board door on V-hinges faces west, or into the site. There is a small ventilator "window" on the north side of the outhouse. The door is marked "Women," suggesting that a second privy once stood on site, probably slightly to the north.

The outhouse is in fair condition. It stands tilted to the back, indicating rotting along the bottom of the building. The wood shingle roof is badly deteriorated.

PART III. BIBLIOGRAPHY:

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PART IV. PROJECT INFORMATION

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